

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SAYLOR, GILLESPIE, MACKERETH, R. MILLER, PERRY,
HERSHEY, PHILLIPS, RUBLEY, SIPTROTH AND SWANGER,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AUGUST 7, 2008

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873,
2 No.1), entitled "An act providing for taxation by school
3 districts, for the State funds formula, for tax relief in
4 first class cities, for school district choice and voter
5 participation, for other school district options and for a
6 task force on school cost reduction; making an appropriation;
7 prohibiting prior authorized taxation; providing for
8 installment payment of taxes; restricting the power of
9 certain school districts to levy, assess and collect taxes;
10 and making related repeals," further providing for adoption
11 of further referendum.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Section 332 of the act of June 27, 2006 (1st
15 Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, is
16 amended by adding a subsection to read:

17 Section 332. Adoption of further referendum.

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19 (b.1) 2009 municipal election in certain third class
20 counties.--A board of school directors in a county of the third
21 class with a city of the third class having a population between
22 40,000 and 41,000 as determined by the Bureau of the United

1 States Census in the Department of Commerce in the 2000 Census
2 shall submit a referendum question pursuant to subsection (b) to
3 the electorate of the school district at the municipal election
4 of 2009. The proposed tax rate shall be established by the board
5 of school directors of the school district and shall equal the
6 rate required to provide an exclusion for homestead property and
7 farmstead property equal to the maximum exclusion under 53
8 Pa.C.S. § 8586 (relating to limitations). Subsections (a)(2),
9 (d), (e), (g), (h) and (i) shall apply to a referendum question
10 held pursuant to this subsection. No school district shall seek
11 to impose a tax pursuant to this subsection that is authorized
12 under section 321(b).

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14 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.